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SUBJECT: IV NOMINEE ALBERT RANDRIANARIVONY

REF: A. STATE 249333 B) TANANARIVE 1566

1. RATIONALE FOR NOMINATION: RANDRIANARIVONY HEADS THE IMPORTANT RURAL ENGINEERING SERVICE (PUBLIC WORKS, AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT) FOR THE PROVINCE OF TULEAR, THIRD LARGEST PROVINCE IN MADAGASCAR. UNTIL NOW, GRANTEES HAVE TENDED TO COME ONLY FROM TANANARIVE. EMBASSY WOULD LIKE TO BRANCH OUT. ALSO, TULEAR IS CENTER OF INFLUENTIAL POLITICAL ORGANIZATION WHICH IS RECOGNIZED BY AND REPRESENTED IN THIS SOCIALIST-ORIENTED GOVERNMENT. OPPORTUNITY FOR IMPORTANT PROVINCIAL LEADER TO TRAVEL TO U.S. WOULD PROVE VALUABLE IN THAT ANOTHER VIEWPOINT COULD BE PRESENTED TO PROVINCE WHERE THERE HAS BEEN LITTLE AMERICAN PRESENCE IN RECENT YEARS.

2. IN HIS POSITION, NOMINEE IN CLOSE DAILY CONTACT WITH PEOPLE. HE REPORTS TO HEAD OF HIS SERVICE AT MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN TANANARIVE. ALSO, HE HAS BEEN NOMINATED BY GDRM.

3. IN CU PORTION OF CPP, IV GRANT FOR MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT RECEIVED PRIORITY RATING OF EITHER. AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THIS MINISTRY, RANDRIANARIVONY WOULD FIT IN PROFESSIONAL CATEGORY, THOUGH NOT WARRANT VIP STATUS. FYI: NEW MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IS NONE OTHER THAN SIMON PIERRE, ORIGINAL RECIPIENT OF ILL-FATED
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FY-76 GRANT UNDER WHICH RANDRIANARIVONY WAS ORIGINALLY

TO TRAVEL.

4. JOB DESCRIPTION: RANDRIANARIVONY ADMINISTERS ALL RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN HIS PROVINCE. HE S RESPONSIBLE FOR GIVING TECHNICAL SUPPORT TO COOPERATIVES, OVERSEEING IRRIGATION, AGRICULTURAL STORAGE, ELECTRICAL SUPPLY AND MAINTENANCE OF FARM MACHINERY.

5. PERSONAL INTEREST: WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SOME NATIONAL PARKS IN U.S. (E.G. YOSEMITE), NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUMS, KENNEDY SPACE CENTER. WOULD LIKE TO SEE HEAVY FARM MACHINERY MANUFACTURING FIRM, AND FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS. OTHER INTERESTS: SPORTS (ESPECIALLY SOCCER, ACROBATICS) AND MUSIC (ESPECIALLY JAZZ).

6. QUITE UNDERSTAND IMPORTANCE OF NAMING ALTERNATES. HOWEVER IT IS DIFFICULT TO DO SO IN THIS GOVERNMENT-DOMINATED FIELD DUE TO SLOWNESS OF GOVERNMENT PROCESSES.

7. PLEASE CLARIFY FOLLOWING: A) SHOULD CU MAKE PROVISION TO CANCEL GRANT IMMEDIATELY IF RANDRIANARIVONY DOES NOT TRAVEL ON APPOINTED DATE; WOULD THAT MEAN GRANT WOULD BE LOST? B) PLEASE SPECIFY "APPOINTED DATE" OF TRAVEL. AS GRANTEE CANNOT BE PROGRAMMED BEFORE NOVEMBER 1, WOULD LIKE ETA TO BE OCTOBER 27, NOT OCTOBER 25 AS PER TANA REFTTEL.

8. PLEASE CABLE FISCAL DATA AND GRANT AUTHORIZATION NUMBER PRIORITY.SHEINBAUM

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